



RESPONSE UNDER 37C.F.R. 1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE
ART UNIT 3721

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants : Van Barlow, et al.
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Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

RESPONSE AFTER FINAL

In response to the Office Action dated May 27, 2004 (the period for response to which has been extended by virtue of the accompanying petition and fee), please consider the following:

Remarks begin on page 2 of this paper.

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